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New I-80 lanes open at U.S. 30

CHICAGO – The Illinois Department of Transportation announced today that a third lane of Interstate 80 in each direction through the U.S. 30 interchange, in New Lenox, has opened to traffic. The new lanes are the latest improvements to I-80, one of the state’s critical travel and freight corridors and identified for more than \$1 billion in improvements through Gov. JB Pritzker’s Rebuild Illinois capital program.

The \$47 million interchange project is reconstructing the I-80/U.S. 30 interchange, realigning the exit and entrance ramps and extending a third lane to each direction on I-80, from approximately I-355 through the U.S. 30 interchange. Other components include modernized traffic signals, drainage improvements and the extension of a bicycle and pedestrian path along U.S. 30. Additionally, the bridges that carry I-80 over U.S. 30, Metra’s Rock Island District Line and Hickory Creek will be rebuilt.

As work continues, intermittent daytime lane closures on U.S. 30 and overnight lane closure on both sides of I-80 will be required. The project will be substantially completed by the end of the year, with landscaping and other miscellaneous items completed next spring.

Motorists should still expect delays and should allow extra time for trips through this area. Drivers are urged to pay close attention to flaggers and signs in the work zones, obey the posted speed limits and be on the alert for workers and equipment.

The interchange is an advance project leading to a \$1.2 billion overhaul of the I-80 corridor that will replace more than 50-year-old infrastructure over six years as part of Rebuild Illinois.

Advance work also started this summer with a \$41.7 million project to replace the eastbound I-80 bridges over Hickory Creek, Richards Street, Rowell Avenue/Canadian National Railroad, and westbound over Richards Street, in Joliet, Rockdale and New Lenox, while widening eastbound I-80 from Gardner Street to Rowell Avenue. Once the eastbound improvements are completed next year, similar improvements will begin in the westbound direction. Further west, IDOT is investing \$32 million to leverage a combined \$200 million public-private effort for the Houbolt Road interchange and extension to the CenterPoint Properties intermodal facilities

When it wraps up in 2027, the overall I-80 project will have redesigned and rebuilt 16 miles from Ridge Road, in Minooka, to U.S. 30, in Joliet and New Lenox, while adding or extending auxiliary lanes to improve safety and reduce congestion. Interchanges will have been rebuilt or improved at Interstate 55, Illinois 7, Center Street, Chicago Street, Richards Street and Briggs Street, with a new flyover ramp linking southbound I-55 to westbound I-80 to improve traffic flow and safety. More than 30 bridges will have been rehabilitated or replaced, including those over the Des Plaines River.

To ensure I-80 no longer acts as a barrier to local mobility, bicycle and pedestrian connections will be provided through interchanges and at overhead crossings as well as along Chicago Street between Doris and Fifth avenues.

A map and timeline for the project can be viewed [here](#).

Passed in 2019, Rebuild Illinois is investing \$33.2 billion into the state's aging transportation system, creating jobs, and promoting economic growth. Rebuild Illinois is not only the largest capital program in state history, but also the first one that touches all modes of Illinois transportation: roads and bridges, transit, waterways, freight and passenger rail, aviation, and bicycle and pedestrian accommodations. Through year two of Rebuild Illinois, IDOT has made approximately \$5.2 billion in improvements to more than 3,000 miles of highway and nearly 300 bridges, as well as almost 450 additional safety improvements.

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